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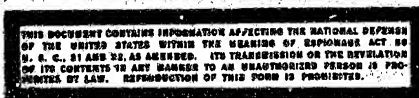
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AREAS SOWN IN GRAIN LISTED;  
HOG CONTRACTING TOPS PLAN

SPRING SOWING -- Glos Wielkopolski, No 102, 13 Apr 49

Up to April, the area sown in Poland covered 638,000 hectares: 86,500 hectares in spring wheat, 113,500 hectares in barley, 345,300 hectares in oats and 92,700 hectares in other plants.

HOGS CONTRACTING PLAN EXCEEDED -- Rzeczpospolita, No 116, 29 Apr 49

Contracting for hogs has been fulfilled far above plan by farmers of Poznan Wojewodstwo and Ziemia Lubuska. A total of 200,600 head, 600 head above plan, were contracted for. The two leading powiats were Konin, 13,600 head, and Turek, 9,200 head. Five hundred head of fattened hogs over the plan were contracted for in the Krotoszyn Powiat. In Trzebiatka, Ziemia Lubuska, the contracts amounted to 3 percent over plan.

As of 20 April 1949, 53,000 head of fattened hogs were contracted for by the farmers in Pomorze Wojewodstwo, which was 116 percent of plan. The leading powiats were: Torun, Rypin, Chelmno, and Nowe Miasto.

BEEF CATTLE MOVED TO SUMMER PASTURES -- Trybuna Ludu, No 114, 27 Apr 49

At a recent session of the Economic Committee of the Ministers' Council, a resolution was passed regarding the fattening of beef cattle during summer months. Of the 20,000 head of beef cattle purchased for fattening by PGR (Państwowe Gospodarstwo Rolne, State Farms), 15,000 will be shipped to the Olaszyn-Giryko area and the rest to Rzeszow Wojewodstwo and Sudeten foothills. The fattening period is expected to close 31 August 1949.

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CULTURE OF MEDICINAL HERBS INCREASES -- Trybuna Ludu, No. 102, 13 Apr 49

The culture of plants for medicinal purposes is developing in the Cracow Wojewodstwo. Within the last 4 years, the area under cultivation increased six-fold. In 1948 the harvest yielded about 50 tons of raw material for various kinds of medicinal herbs.

This year, special attention is directed to the cultivation of plants for the pharmaceutical industry. Planters are recruited chiefly among small and medium-sized farmers.

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